

Sahuaro Weekly Update

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Sahuaro District Spring Fling



You and your family are invited to attend my third annual "Sahuaro District Spring Fling" from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Saturday, February 16, 2008. This family-friendly outdoor event will be held at the Paseo Ball Fields, 63rd Avenue and Thunderbird Road.

New to the Spring Fling this year will be CCC/CPR information and demonstrations given by the Glendale Fire Department, and free blood pressure and wellness checks courtesy of Southwest Ambulance. [Read more.](#)



That Thursday Thing! "Glendale's Top Chefs." On Thursday, January 17, from 5 - 8 p.m., come hungry and enjoy a culinary event in downtown Glendale – "Glendale's Top Chefs." Many shops will have extended evening hours and you will have an opportunity to sample "Glendale's Top Chefs," the eighth edition of Historic Downtown's cookbook.

Visitors will begin their culinary journey at the Glendale Visitor Center, located at 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140, where they will receive a list of merchants who have recipes highlighted in the book. Participants will then go on a culinary journey to pick up the recipe labels to complete their cookbook. As shoppers tour through the area, many participating shops, restaurants and museums will offer samples of their recipe. The cookbook will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Enjoy an evening filled with live entertainment, free horse-drawn carriage rides, fun giveaways and much more! Ollie the Trolley will provide free trolley rides throughout Old Towne and Catlin Court. [Read more.](#)



Glendale Glitter & Glow. Dozens of hot air balloons will cast a warm glow over Historic Downtown Glendale as the city says farewell to its annual holiday light display with its equally spectacular closing ceremony, Glendale Glitter & Glow on Saturday, January 19, from 3-10 p.m. This free event will showcase dozens of colorful hot air balloons, live bands and street performers under the twinkling canopy of the Glendale Glitters holiday light display. Visitors will be able to walk the streets and actually touch the tethered balloons, which pilots will fire up to glow throughout the evening.

More than a dozen live bands will entertain visitors of all musical tastes throughout the downtown area, and street performers will offer even more fun for all ages. Additional highlights will include delicious food and beverages, sponsor booths and activities and rides for children.

Historic Downtown Glendale is located just northeast of 59th and Glendale avenues, but a free parking shuttle will run from Glendale Community College, at 59th and Olive avenues.

[Click here](#) for more information including the entertainment line-up.

Around Town

“The Family Affair.” If there is a newborn baby in your house or one is on the way, do not miss the spectacular “A Family Affair,” a maternity and pediatric health fair for new and expectant families. The free event will be held from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, January 12 in the meeting room wing at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Banner Thunderbird Medical Center’s Women and Infants Services and Children’s Center are co-sponsoring the fair.

Enjoy fun and helpful “mom and baby” tips, growth and development information, child safety and health resources, exhibitor booths, product demonstrations, activities for children, instructive speakers and more!

For more information about the fair, call Karleen Lee at (602) 865-5908.

Last Weekend to Tree-Cycle. Bring your unbagged tree to one of Glendale’s convenient sites through January 13. Go to www.glendaleaz.com for a list of locations.

Ask the Dog Trainer. If you have a dog, or are thinking of getting one, do not miss “Ask the Dog Trainer” at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 14 in the meeting room of Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. Gail Meserve, a local dog trainer/behaviorist, will be on hand to talk about life with dogs.

No dogs are allowed at the program. Reservations are not required for this free program. Call (623) 930-3431 for more information.

CCC-CPR Classes. Glendale Fire Department and our partners are very excited to bring you **FREE** life saving classes. We’re teaching a new form of CPR called CCC (Continuous Chest Compressions), which has documented improvement on survival of cardiac arrest victims. The class time is only two hours long. The next class will be held on Thursday, January 17th from 7pm-9pm at Midwestern University, 19555 N. 59th Ave. [Click here](#) to register.

Live at the Library. Join us for Glendale’s Live at the Library, a free performing arts series, at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening in the auditorium of Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. On Jan. 17, Uvon Presents a Blues and Jazz Revue, historical vignettes along with blues, jazz and show tunes. [Read more.](#)

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Day Luncheon. Join us as we celebrate the life and ideals of Martin Luther King Jr. with a special luncheon on January 18 at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn. Dr., from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This year’s keynote speaker will be poet, author and professor Nikki Giovanni. For more information or to purchase tickets, [click here](#).

Jazz Jam. The Pam Morita Trio is leading jazz jam sessions in the auditorium of Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., from 6:30-8:45 p.m. on the last Wednesday of the month. The next one will be on Jan. 30. Young people as well as professional jazz musicians are invited to play together. For more information, call (623) 930-3573.

Juried Art Show. The Juried Art Show will be held at Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area Jan. 19-Feb. 17. Enjoy original art works, ranging from paintings to sculpture, created by Arizona artists. This free show will be held Wednesdays – Fridays 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays 12-4 p.m.

Antique Tractor & Engine Show. Come and enjoy antique engine displays and demonstrations, tractor pulls and a tractor parade at Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area Feb. 9-10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. The event will also feature food and beverages, as well as kids’ rides for a nominal fee. For more information, visit www.aedgeta.org or call (623) 435-3955. Admission is \$5 for adults, and kids age 12 and under are free.

Literally, tons of fun at Touch-a-Truck. The entire family will enjoy the 8th Annual Touch-a-Truck event! Trucks and large vehicles take center stage Feb. 23, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Glendale Community College, 6000 W. Olive Ave.

It’s a great opportunity to see, touch, interact with and learn about big trucks and the functions they serve. Bring your camera to get some fun snapshots of your child sitting in the driver’s seat of an 18-wheeler! For more information on this free event, call (623) 930-2044.

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